

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF MECHANICAL POWER IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian agriculture is getting increasingly mechanized;
- (b) if so, whether the share of mechanical power constituting of tractor power tillers, electric motors and diesel engines has raised from 40 percent in 1971-72 to 84 percent in 2001-2002; and
- (c) if so, the facilities are being provided to the farmers to improve their agriculture products?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The contribution of the mechanical power to the total power availability in 1971-72 was 39.63 percent and it increased to 83.62 percent in 2001-02.
- (c): Yes, Sir.